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ANNUAL REPORT
of the
TOWN OFFICES
of
DALTON
NEW HAMPSHIRE



FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1996

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TOWN OFFICERS

SELECTMEN

Donald F. Mooney	Term Expires 1999
Victor St.Cyr	Term Expires 1998
Dean Sweeney	Term Expires 1997

TOWN CLERK

Sandra B. York

TAX COLLECTOR

Eldora B. Shannon

TREASURER

Eleanor Hart

AUDITOR

Rita F. Blakslee

TRUSTEE OF THE TRUST FUNDS

Nancy McVetty

POLICE CHIEF

John E. Tholl, Jr.

FIRE CHIEF

Allen Blakslee

ROAD AGENT

Robert C. Wentworth, Jr.

HEALTH OFFICER

Charles Davisson

MODERATOR

Charles Packard

CIVIL DEFENSE OFFICER

John York

LIBRARIAN

Doris Mitton

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Jean Abbott	Term Expires 1999
Katherine Perry	Term Expires 1997
Nancy Comeau	Term Expires 1997

PLANNING BOARD

Leon Cloutier, Chairman	Appointment Expires 1997
Agnes Mooney	Appointment Expires 1998
Victor St.Cyr	Appointment Expires 1998
Linda Cloutier, Secretary	

SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST

Pauline Streeter	Term Expires 2002
Sara Martineau	Term Expires 2000
Vera Smith	Term Expires 1998



Carroll "Butch" Rexford

Butch is retiring after more than 25 years of service as Police Officer for the Town of Dalton. We take this opportunity to acknowledge his professionalism and dedication. Thank you for being "*on call*".

PHONE NUMBERS

To Report Any Emergency	DIAL 911
Canine Control Officer, Eldora Shannon	837-9234
Fire Department - non emergency	837-3100
Highway Garage	837-9821
Library	837-2751
Police Department - non emergency	837-2703
Selectmen's Office	837-2092
Tax Collector	837-9802
Town Clerk	837-2092
Fax Line	837-9642

TOWN OFFICE HOURS

Highway Department	7 AM - 3:30 PM	Mon-Fri
Library	1 PM - 5 PM 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM 10 AM - 12 noon	Mon & Wed Mon & Wed Saturday
Police Department	5 PM - 8 PM 10 AM - 12 noon	Monday Every other Sat
Selectmen's Office & Town Clerk	1 PM to 7:15 PM 8 AM to 4 PM	Monday Tues - Fri
Tax Collector	12 noon to 8 PM	Monday
Transfer Station	12 noon - 5 PM 12:30 PM - 5 PM 8 AM - 5 PM	Tuesday Thursday Saturday

Selectmen meet every Monday (except holidays) at 7:30 PM
Planning Board meets the second Tuesday of the month at 7:30 PM

Dalton Town Warrant

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in Dalton, NH on Tuesday, the eleventh day of March next, at 11 o'clock to act upon the itemized subjects to follow. The polls will open at 11 a.m. in the forenoon and will close at 7 p.m. The business meeting will be held at the Dalton School Gymnasium and will be opened at 7 o'clock in the evening.

1. To elect all necessary officers for the year.
2. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Hundred Fifty Six Thousand Two Dollars (\$456,002.00) for general Town operations.
3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty Nine Thousand Ten Dollars (\$49,010.00) for a complete revaluation. Forty Three Thousand Three Hundred Sixty Dollars (\$43,360.00) is to come from a three or five year note and to authorize the Selectmen to issue and negotiate such notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon and to authorize the withdrawal of Five Thousand Six Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$5,650.00) from the Capital Reserve Fund created for that purpose. Two-thirds ballot vote required. The Selectmen recommend this article.
4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Dollars (\$100) to support the printing and distribution of the Connecticut River Corridor Management Plan. The Selectmen recommend this article.
5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) to be added to the Highway Department Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve fund previously established for the purchase and replacement of highway equipment. The Selectmen recommend this article.

6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) to be added to the Fire Department Major Vehicle Equipment Capital Reserve Account previously established for the purchase and replacement of fire equipment. The Selectmen recommend this article.

7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) to be added to the Sewer Pump Renovation and Replacement Capital Reserve fund previously established. The Selectmen recommend this article.

8. Shall we modify the elderly exemption from property tax in the town of Dalton, based on assessed value, for qualified taxpayers, to be as follows: for a person 65 years of age up to 75 years, \$10,000.00; for a person 75 years of age up to 80 years, \$15,000.00; for a person 80 years of age or older \$20,000.00. To qualify, the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least 5 years, own the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by such person's spouse, they must have been married for at least 5 years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than \$13,400 or, if married, a combined net income of less than \$20,400; and own net assets not in excess of \$35,000 excluding the value of the person's residence. The Selectmen recommend this article.

9. To see if the Town will vote to adopt the minor changes in the town's Floodplain Development Ordinance. Copies of the changes are available at the Town Office. The Selectmen recommend this article.

10. Are you in favor of changing the term of Road Agent from one year to 3 years, beginning with the term of the Road Agent to be elected at next year's regular Town Meeting? The Selectmen recommend this article.

11. To see if the Town will vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 202-A:4d authorizing the library trustees to accept gifts of personal property, other than money, which may be offered to the library for any public purpose, provided, however, that no acceptance of personal property by the library trustees shall be deemed to bind the town or the library trustees to raise, appropriate or expend any public funds for the operation, maintenance, repair or replacement of such personal property. This article will remain in effect until rescinded. The Selectmen recommend this article.

12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one thousand (\$1,000.00) to be added to the technology enhancement capital reserve fund and to designate the library trustees as agents to expend. By petition. The Selectmen do not recommend this article.

13. To see if the Town of Dalton will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,500.00 in support of the Caleb Group Community Partnership Elderly Program. By petition. The Selectmen do not recommend this article.

14. To see if the Town will vote to sell the 1978 International Dump truck and military trailer and to raise and appropriate up to Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00) to be placed in the Highway Department Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve account. This appropriation will be offset by the sale of the dump truck and military trailer. Taxes will not have to be raised for this appropriation. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

15. To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

Dean Sweeney, Chairman
Victor St.Cyr
Donald F. Mooney

Board of Selectmen

Budget for 1997

General Government

	Appropriated 1996	Actual 1996	Estimated 1997
Executive	\$ 7,200.00	\$ 5,239.22	\$ 7,200.00
North Country Council	760.00	760.30	753.00
Whitefield Senior Meals	400.00	400.00	400.00
Lunenburg, Gilman, Concord Senior Meals	400.00	400.00	400.00
Juvenile Diversion Program	402.00	402.00	395.00
Town Clerk	5,000.00	4,461.57	5,000.00
Voter Registration	1,200.00	1,068.70	500.00
Election	2,000.00	1,669.63	500.00
Vital Statistics	10.00	4.75	-----
Financial Administration	45,000.00	39,824.48	43,000.00
Legal Expense	6,000.00	4,714.41	5,000.00
Social Security	8,200.00	8,083.40	8,200.00
Medicare	2,200.00	1,890.73	2,200.00
State Unemployment Tax	2,200.00	2,156.39	2,200.00
Workers' Compensation Fund	24,000.00	19,461.00	14,500.00
Employee Health Insurance			17,500.00
Planning & Zoning	1,500.00	644.41	1,300.00
General Govt. Bldgs.	7,500.00	7,054.11	7,500.00

Cemeteries	6,600.00	7,828.55	6,000.00
Property-Liability Insurance	18,000.00	16,013.00	18,000.00
Public Safety			
Police	30,500.00*	30,420.74	34,600.00
Ambulance	2,200.00	2,200.00	2,200.00
Fire	15,000.00	14,736.82	13,000.00
Fire Lanes	500.00	220.00	500.00
Civil Defense	450.00	471.88	150.00
Forest Fire Control	500.00	365.91	500.00

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Highways & Streets	172,000.00	181,486.70	156,000.00
Street Lighting	1,000.00	985.98	1,000.00

Sanitation

Solid Waste	36,000.00	41,654.15	36,000.00
Sewage	12,500.00	9,199.56	12,500.00

* In 1996, the Police Department received \$585.00 for fines and copies of reports.

	Appropriated 1996	Actual 1996	Estimated 1997
Water Services	100.00	5.00	100.00
Health			
Health Administration	250.00	157.00	250.00
Health Agencies	2,876.00	2,876.00	3,019.00
Animal Control	750.00	1,381.33*	1,200.00
Welfare			
Direct Assistance	2,000.00	1,314.75	2,000.00
Community Action Program	750.00	750.00	750.00
Culture and Recreation			
Parks & Recreation	500.00	499.49	500.00
Library	10,120.00	10,120.00	8,700.00
Patriotic Purposes	100.00		100.00
*Canine Control has generated \$800.00 in fines.			
Conservation Commission	200.00	200.00	250.00

Debt Service

Principal-Long Term Notes	26,813.00	26,813.32	21,835.00
Interest-Long Term Notes	10,580.00	10,643.70	9,300.00
Interest-Tax Anticipation Note	10,000.00	2,337.53	10,000.00

Capital Outlay

	1,000.00	963.52	1,000.00
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TOTALS

	\$ 475,251.00	\$ 461,875.28	\$456,002 .00
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Transfers from General Fund to Capital Reserve Accts.
(1996 Warrant Articles: # 4, 5, 7, 9 and 11)

	28,000.00	28,000.00	
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Other 1996 Warrant Articles:

Cruiser	8,749.00	8,700.00	
Airlock	4,000.00	3,932.58	
VA Memorial	3,000.00	2,398.00	
Caleb	1,500.00	1,500.00	
Hazardous Waste	827.00	827.00	

ASSESSMENTS

Executive	\$ 7,200.00
Other General Government	1,962.00
Election, Registration, Vital Statistics	8,200.00
Financial Administration	45,000.00
Legal Expense	6,000.00
Personnel Administration	36,600.00
Planning & Zoning	1,500.00
General Government Buildings	7,500.00
Cemeteries	6,600.00
Property/Liability Insurance	18,000.00
Police	30,500.00
Ambulance	2,200.00
Fire	16,000.00
Emergency Management	450.00
Highway	172,000.00
Street Lighting	1,000.00
Solid Waste	36,000.00
Sewage	12,500.00
Water Services	100.00
Health Agencies and Hospitals	2,876.00
Health Administration	250.00
Animal Control	750.00
Direct Assistance	2,000.00
Community Action Program	750.00
Parks & Recreation	500.00
Library	10,120.00
Patriotic Purposes	100.00
Conservation Commission	200.00
Capital Outlay	1,000.00
Principal - Long Term Debt	26,813.00
Interest - Long Term Debt	10,580.00
Interest - Tax Anticipation Notes	<u>10,000.00</u>
Total Appropriations	\$475,251.00

LESS ESTIMATED REVENUES AND CREDITS

Land Use Change Taxes	\$ 480.00
Yield Taxes	11,000.00
Interest and Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	35,000.00
Other Taxes	100.00
Inventory Penalties	1,000.00
Business Licenses and Permits	1,500.00
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	67,000.00
Other from Federal Government	1,709.00
Shared Revenue	14,785.00
Highway Block Grant	55,600.00
Water Pollution Grants	11,492.00
State & Federal Forest Land Reimbursement	547.00
Railroad Tax	2,997.00
Income from Departments	2,316.00
Sale of Municipal Property	1,612.00
Interest on Investments	4,000.00
Other Miscellaneous Revenue	6,310.00
Sewer	7,360.00
Trust and Agency Funds	<u>1,200.00</u>

Total Revenues and Credits	\$226,008.00
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Net Town Appropriations	\$233,765.00
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1996 SELECTMEN'S REPORT

Again this year many positive events have taken place within the town.

The underpass project has progressed very well and we are at the stage where bids have been awarded and the expected completion date is October of 1997.

The new bridge between Dalton and Gilman should be completed by August of 1997.

The John's River Cemetery expansion project has moved along well and the timber cleared will be used for our land transfer station building. When this project is completed the enlarged area will be protected from the river and more lots will be available for use.

The Cushman Cemetery expansion has been completed and lots are now available for sale.

The 911 project is nearing completion. The expected start date by the post office will be by late March of 1997. Many thanks go to the 911 committee that worked hard on maps and maintaining communication with the State to speed up the completion of this project.

Thanks to the efforts of the volunteers the air lock project was completed under budget. The resulting savings in fuel costs will be substantial. Part of this project was an improved drainage system which prevents water from entering the building. Also, the back wall was improved by installing insulation and vinyl siding.

Due to a need for more security, a new alarm system has been installed to protect the area by the police department and the town offices.

The Veterans memorial was completed thanks to the efforts of the committee.

The Simpson Paper Company's dam project has resulted in an increase of revenue for the town.

The Selectmen took the tough action of reducing the budget by an estimated 12% across the range of departments. This action was necessary because of the inability or unwillingness of the school district and county to control their budgets. These actions by the Selectmen will only succeed if all departments cooperate.

The Board wishes to express our sincere thanks for all the cooperation and hard work that was given to us during the year.

Our goals for 1997 will be to:

1. Implement the Re-Val of the Town.
2. Hold the line on expenses during the year.
3. Provide direction to the School District in ways of controlling expenses.

Dean Sweeney
Victor St.Cyr
Donald F. Mooney

Board of Selectmen

SELECTMEN'S REPORT SUMMARY INVENTORY

Current Use Land	\$ 1,352,850.00
Residential Land	16,640,309.00
Commercial/Industrial Land	516,720.00
Residential Buildings	16,162,081.00
Manufactured Housing	3,492,970.00
Commercial/Industrial Buildings	3,352,694.00
Public Utilities	<u>854,572.00</u>

Total Valuation Before Exemptions **\$42,372,196.00**

Less Elderly Exemptions 320,000.00

Net Valuation **\$42,052,196.00**

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Town Hall Land, Building and Contents	\$184,300.00
Furniture and Equipment	13,500.00
Police Department Equipment	38,800.00
Library Furniture and Equipment	120,000.00
Fire Station Building and Contents	146,700.00
Fire Dept. Vehicles	75,000.00
Town Highway Garage and Contents	98,900.00
Highway Dept. Vehicles	358,653.00
Parks and Playgrounds	18,450.00
Pump Station and Contents	<u>134,000.00</u>

Total Town Property **\$1,188,303.00**

TAX RATE COMPUTATION

Appropriations	\$521,278.00
Less Revenues	226,008.00
Less Shared Revenues	7,390.00
Add: Overlay	7,720.00
War Service Credits	10,800.00

Approved Town Effort	\$306,400.00
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Due to Regional School District	\$719,823.00
Less Shared Revenue	15,790.00

Approved School Effort	\$704 033.00
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Due to County	\$126,430.00
Less Shared Revenue	1,453.00

Approved County Effort	\$124,977.00
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Total Property Taxes Assessed	\$1,135,410.00
Less War Service Credits	10,800.00

Total Property Tax Commitment	\$1,124,610.00
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Approved Tax Rate

\$27.00

Town - \$7.29

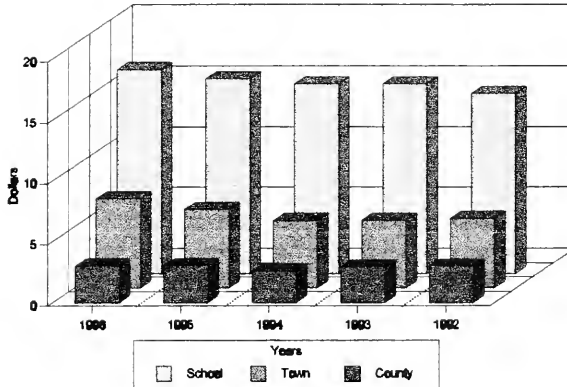
School - \$16.00

County - \$2.99

DALTON TAX RATE

1992 THRU 1996

Dalton Tax Rates



Actual Tax Rates

1996 - \$27.00	Town - \$ 7.29	School - \$16.74	County - \$ 2.97
1995 - \$25.39	Town - \$ 6.40	School - \$16.00	County - \$ 2.99
1994 - \$23.74	Town - \$ 5.50	School - \$15.69	County - \$ 2.55
1993 - \$23.97	Town - \$ 5.51	School - \$15.57	County - \$ 2.89
1992 - \$23.39	Town - \$ 5.68	School - \$14.78	County - \$ 2.93

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance General NOW Checking Account - 12/31/95
\$ 195,524.62

1996 Receipts

Tax Collector	\$ 1,260,293.24
Town Clerk	78,051.00
Selectmen	337,987.45

Total Receipts **\$ 1,676,331.69**

Balance \$ 1,871,856.31

1996 Payments-Order of Selectmen **- 1,707,488.17**

Balance \$ 164,368.14

Bank Interest Earned **+ 2,310.22**

Balance General NOW Checking Account 12/31/96
\$ 166,678.36

Auditor's Report

I have examined and verified all books and records of the Town and find them to be correct.

Rita F. Blakslee
Town Auditor

SEWER SAVINGS ACCOUNT

Balance 12/31/95	\$ 31.29
Deposits	<u>\$ 7,642.98</u>
Total	\$ 7,674.27
Interest Earned	<u>20.67</u>
Total	\$ 7,694.94
Withdrawals	<u>- 7,360.00</u>
Balance 12/31/96	\$ 334.94

Dalton Conservation Commission Account

Balance 12/31/95	\$ 8,913.09
Deposits	<u>264.00</u>
Total	\$ 9,177.09
Interest Earned	<u>119.98</u>
Total	\$ 9,297.07
Withdrawals	<u>293.81</u>
Balance 12/31/96	\$ 9,003.26

CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Balance January 1, 1996	\$24,721.66
New Funds Created	10,000.00
Interest from 1996 CD's	<u>1,253.33</u>
	\$35,974.99

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT HEAVY EQUIPMENT

Balance January 1, 1996	\$26,168.32
New Funds Created	15,000.00
Interest from 1996 CD's	<u>1,464.25</u>
	\$42,632.57

SEWER ACCOUNT FUNDS

Balance January 1, 1996	\$ 3,173.84
New Funds Created	1,000.00
Interest from 1996 CD's	<u>159.17</u>
	\$ 4,333.01

RE-EVALUATION ACCOUNT FUNDS

Balance Jan 1, 1996	\$ 5,370.23
Interest from 1996 CD's	<u>278.78</u>
	\$ 5,649.01

CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS

Balance Jan 1, 1996	\$19,866.40
Interest from 1996 CD's	<u>1,078.05</u>
	\$20,944.45
Withdrawn for Cemetery Care	<u>\$-1,078.05</u>
Balance as of 12/31/96	\$19,866.40

Nancy McVetty
1/1/97

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT
ENDING APRIL 30, 1996

PREVIOUS UNCOLLECTED TAXES AS OF 1/1/96:

Property 1995	\$190,589.86
Property Previous Years	4,598.63
Land Use Change Tax	1,128.78
Sewer Taxes	2,375.76
Interest on Delinquent Taxes	13,096.53

TAXES COMMITTED 1996:

Land Use Change Tax	480.00
Yield Tax	<u>10,016.09</u>

TOTAL DEBITS	\$222,285.65
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REMITTED TO TREASURER:

Property 1995	\$190,155.86
Land Use Change Tax 1996	480.00
Yield Tax 1996	5,597.19
Yield Tax 1995	1,128.78
Sewer Tax 1995	2,375.76
Interest on Delinquent Taxes	13,096.53

ABATEMENTS:

Property 1995	434.00
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UNCOLLECTED TAXES AS OF 4/30/96

Property Previous Years	4,598.63
Yield Tax 1996	<u>4,418.90</u>

TOTAL CREDITS	\$222,285.63
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TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT
ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1996
PREVIOUS UNCOLLECTED TAXES AS OF 12/31/96:

Property Previous Years	4,598.63
Yield Taxes	4,418.90

TAXES COMMITTED 1996:

Property	1,126,821.00
Land Use Change Tax	1,031.00
Yield Tax	3,378.52
Sewer Tax	8,160.00
Overpayments	41.34
Interest on Delinquent Taxes	<u>1,469.04</u>

TOTAL DEBITS	\$1,149,918.43
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REMITTED TO TREASURER:

Property 1996	913,945.61
Land Use Change Tax 1996	800.00
Yield Tax 1996	7,351.77
Sewer Tax 1996	5,100.00
Interest on Delinquent Taxes	1,469.04
Overpayments	41.34

ABATEMENTS:

Property 1996	849.00
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DEEDED:	1,116.00
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UNCOLLECTED TAXES AS OF 12/31/96

Property	210,910.39
Property Previous Years	4,598.63
Yield Tax 1996	445.65
Sewer Tax	3,060.00
Land Use Change	<u>231.00</u>

TOTAL CREDITS	\$1,149,918.43
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SUMMARY OF TAX LIENS REDEEMED

As of April 30, 1996

DEBITS

	1995	Prior
Balance of unredeemed taxes as of January 1, 1996		\$120,986.65
Taxes Sold to Town During Year	\$117,203.69	
Interest Collected After Lien	<u> </u>	<u>12,212.48</u>
TOTAL DEBITS	\$117,203.69	\$133,199.13

CREDITS

Remittances to Treasurer		\$ 42,246.09
Interest & Costs After Lien		12,212.48
Unredeemed April 30, 1996	<u>\$117,203.69</u>	<u>\$ 78,740.56</u>
TOTAL CREDITS	\$117,203.69	\$133,199.13

Boat Fees Collected: \$79.84

SUMMARY OF TAX LIENS REDEEMED

As of December 31, 1996

DEBITS

	1995	Prior
Balance of unredeemed taxes as of May 1, 1996	\$117,203.69	\$78,740.56
Interest Collected After Lien	<u>3,131.54</u>	<u>10,280.48</u>
TOTAL DEBITS	\$120,335.23	\$89,021.04

CREDITS

Remittances to Treasurer	\$30,695.89	\$ 22,604.04
Interest & Costs After Lien	3,131.54	10,280.48
Liens Deeded to Town	1,139.34	1,947.98
Abatements	383.08	
Unredeemed at Close of Year	<u>84,985.38</u>	<u>54,188.54</u>
TOTAL CREDITS	\$120,335.23	\$89,021.04

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 1996

DEBITS

Motor Vehicle Permits Issued:

1996 Permits Issued	\$75,680.00	
	<u> </u>	\$75,680.00

Dog Licenses and Penalties Collected:

Licenses	\$ 2,044.00	
Dog Penalties	400.00	
Less 255 Fees	<u>292.00</u>	
		2,152.00

Filing Fees	10.00
Vital Statistics	<u>209.00</u>

TOTAL DEBITS	\$78,051.00
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CREDITS

Remittances to Treasurer:

Motor Vehicle Permits	\$75,680.00
Dog Licenses and Penalties	2,152.00
Filing Fees	10.00
Vital Statistics	<u>209.00</u>

TOTAL CREDITS	\$78,051.00
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Motor Vehicle Permits Issued in 1996	1,138
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REVENUE FROM THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

Highway Block Grant	\$ 55,599.85
Revenue Sharing	32,495.55
State Aid-Sewer	11,492.00
CDB Grant-Landfill Closure	6,981.00
Railroad Tax	2,997.20
Rooms & Meals	6,922.57
Forest Lands	<u>546.72</u>

TOTAL **\$117,034.89**

REVENUE FROM SELECTMEN

Tax Anticipation Note	\$ 200,000.00
Fuel Reimbursement	1,709.36
Refunds-Miscellaneous	60.25
Transfer from Cemetery Acct. to General Fund	1,078.05
Grave Openings	2,800.00
Business Licenses & Permits	170.00
Donations	200.00
Sale of Town Property- Police Department	1,251.99
Sale of Town Property-Cemetery Lots	350.00
Refunds-Fire Department	122.62
Fines and Forfeitures	475.00
Copy Money	214.00
Refuse Charges	196.00
Insurance Dividends	11,449.35
Miscellaneous Revenue	<u>875.94</u>

Total **\$ 220,952.56**

STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

Executive

Board of Selectmen	\$ 3,000.00
Printing & Public Notices	1,460.20
Dues	1,315.30
Conservation Commission	64.00
(5% of Land Use Change Tax)	
Miscellaneous	<u>160.02</u>
Sub Total	\$ 5,999.52
Utility Appraiser	<u>1,709.36</u>

Total Executive **\$ 7,708.88**

Other General Government

Juvenile Diversion Program	402.00
Lunenburg, Gilman, Concord, Senior Meals	400.00
Whitefield Senior Meals	<u>400.00</u>
Sub Total	\$ 1,202.00
Caleb Group (warrant article)	<u>1,500.00</u>

Total Other General Government **\$ 2,702.00**

Town Clerk

Town Clerk Fees	2,286.00
Town Clerk Salary	1,000.00
Department of Agriculture	672.50
Office Expenses	248.07
Deputy Town Clerk	10.00
Dues	35.00
Payments to State	<u>209.00</u>

Total Town Clerk **\$4,461.57**

Voter Registration

Supervisors' Salaries	792.50
Public Notices	<u>276.20</u>

Total Voter Registration **\$ 1,068.70**
Election

Election Workers	1,030.00
Moderator and Assistant Moderator	294.00
Meals	268.50
Election Supplies	<u>77.13</u>

Total Election **\$ 1,669.63**

Financial Administration

Administrative Assistant Salary	16,675.75
Tax Collector Fees	3,918.00
Tax Collector Salary	4,000.00
Auditor	650.00
Treasurer	2,400.00
Trustee of the Trust Funds	500.00
Assessor	2,452.50
Mapping Services	975.00
Registry Fees	627.03
Maintenance & Repairs	351.50
Office Supplies	1,113.98
Insurance	3,452.92
Postage	1,885.80
Dues	60.00
RSA's	<u>762.00</u>

Total Financial Administration **\$39,824.48**

Legal Expenses **\$ 4,714.41**

Personnel Administration

Workers' Compensation Fund	19,461.00
Social Security	8,083.40
State Unemployment Tax	2,156.39
Medicare	<u>1,890.73</u>

Total Personnel Administration **\$31,591.20**

Planning & Zoning

Public Notices	169.00
Recording Fees	305.00
Postage	39.41
Books & Supplies	97.00
Miscellaneous	<u>34.00</u>

Total Planning & Zoning **\$644.41**

General Government Buildings

Telephone	\$ 2,053.41
Heat	962.88
Electric	1,524.37
Custodian	671.09
Maintenance & Repairs	<u>1,842.36</u>
Sub Total	\$ 7,054.11
Air Lock (warrant article)	<u>3,932.58</u>

Total General Government Buildings **\$10,986.69**

Cemeteries

Maintenance	\$ 2,404.60
Surveyor	\$2,600.75
Public Notices	23.20
Grave Digging	<u>2,800.00</u>

Total Cemeteries **\$ 7,828.55**

Property-Liability Insurance	\$ 16,013.00
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Police Department

Chief's Salary	\$ 13,000.00
Equipment	5,873.96
Officers' Salaries	1,398.40
Gas, Maintenance & Repairs	1,239.55
Uniforms	1,966.01
Telephone	769.43
Communications	659.52
Dues, Conventions	969.00
Communication Repairs	258.65
RSA's & Books	972.09
Office Supplies	2,570.52
Training	687.30
Miscellaneous	<u>56.31</u>
Sub Total	\$30,420.74
Cruiser Payment (warrant article)	<u>8,700.00</u>

Total Police Department	\$ 39,120.74
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Animal Control

Officer Salary	\$ 336.00
Mileage	112.38
Supplies	234.95
Boarding & Euthanasia	<u>698.00</u>

Total Animal Control	\$ 1,381.33
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Ambulance	\$ 2,200.00
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Fire Department

Maintenance, Refills & Repairs	\$ 7,536.75
Telephone	1,689.39
Training & Salaries	1,371.63
New Equipment	1,265.13
Heat	726.57
Electric	761.37
Chief's Salary	500.00
Fire Prevention Supplies	303.93
Gas & Diesel	319.77
Dues & Subscriptions	153.50
Office Supplies	<u>108.78</u>

Total Fire Department **\$ 14,736.82**

Civil Defense **\$ 471.88**

Forest Fire Control **\$365.91**

Fire Lanes **\$ 220.00**

Highway

Administration

Highway Salaries	\$ 68,297.09
Employee Health Insurance	16,727.16
Building Maintenance & Repairs	1,454.26
Uniforms	1,742.75
Heat	1,006.13
Electric	1,210.14
Telephone	676.85
Office Supplies	220.67
Dues	151.85
Miscellaneous	150.00
Public Notices	<u>51.00</u>

Sub Total Administration **\$ 91,687.90**

Paving & Reconstruction	
Vehicle Maintenance & Repairs	\$ 24,385.48
Asphalt, Gravel, Dust Control	25,066.28
Reclaim	17,500.00
General Supplies	70.00
Gas/Diesel	10,368.91
Subcontractors	<u>3,760.50</u>
Sub Total Paving & Reconstruction	\$ 81,151.17
 Snow & Ice Control	 \$ 8,647.63
 Total Highway	 \$181,486.70
 Street Lighting	 \$985.98
 Solid Waste	
Disposal Fees	\$ 35,771.75
Superintendent Salary	<u>5,882.40</u>
Sub Total	\$ 41,654.15
Hazardous Waste (Warrant Article)	<u>827.00</u>
 Total Solid Waste	 \$ 42,481.15
 Sewage Disposal	
Superintendent Salary	\$ 1,600.00
User Fees	5,140.98
Propane	752.08
Electric	1,032.29
Professional Services	365.00
Alarm System	231.29
Maintenance & Repairs	<u>77.92</u>
 Total Sewage Disposal	 \$ 9,199.56
 Water Services	 \$ 5.00

Health Administration

Health Officer	\$ 147.00
Dues	<u>10.00</u>
Total Health Administration	\$ 157.00

Health Agencies **\$ 2876.00**

Welfare

Direct Assistance	\$ 1,314.75
Community Action Program	<u>750.00</u>
Total Welfare	\$ 2,064.75

Culture & Recreation

Library	\$ 10,120.00
Parks & Recreation	<u>499.49</u>
Total Culture & Recreation	\$ 10,619.49

Patriotic Purposes

VA Memorial (warrant article)	<u>\$2,398.00</u>
Total Patriotic Purposes	\$ 2,398.00

Conservation Commission **\$200.00**

Refunds **\$ 1,686.34**

Principal-Long Term Debt

Shawmut/NHMBB-Sewer Bond	\$ 15,000.00
Fleet-Highway Garage Note	11,428.00
FHA-Sewer Note	<u>385.32</u>
Total Principal	\$ 26,813.32

Interest-Long Term Debt

Shawmut/NHMBB-Sewer Bond	\$ 6,456.25
Fleet-Highway Garage Note	3,205.77
FHA-Sewer Note	<u>981.68</u>
Total Interest	\$ 10,643.70
Principal-Tax Anticipation Note	\$ 200,000.00
Interest-Tax Anticipation Note	\$ 2,337.53
Capital Outlay	\$ 963.52

Transfers from General Fund to Capital Reserve Accounts

Payment to Fire Department Capital Reserve Account	\$ 10,000.00
Payment to Highway Department Capital Reserve Account	\$ 15,000.00
Payment to Library Capital Reserve Account	\$ 2,000.00
Payment to Sewer Pump Renovation & Replacement Capital Reserve Account	<u>\$1,000.00</u>
Total Transfers to Capital Reserve Funds	\$ 28,000.00

Taxes Paid to County	\$ 126,430.00
Taxes Paid to School	\$ 745,539.00
Tax Lien	\$ 117,203.69

Encumbrances

Landfill Closure	\$ 810.22
(Beginning Balance 1/1/96 \$20,468.45)	
(Balance 12/31/96 \$19,658.23)	

E911	
(Beginning Balance 1/1/96 \$1,782.75)	
(Balance 12/31/96 \$1,782.75)	

Total	\$ 810.22
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Petty Cash Fund	\$ 93.00
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Community Development Block Grant-Landfill Closure

Engineering Services	\$ 6,453.01
Grant Administrator	<u>528.00</u>
(Beginning Balance 1/1/96 \$10,063.75)	
(Balance 12/31/96 \$3,082.74)	

Total CDBG Grant	\$ 6,981.01
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1996 Total Payments	\$1,707,685.48
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Less Petty Cash Disbursements:

Election	\$ 2.02
Financial Administration	100.22
Fire Department	11.75
General Government Buildings	34.08
Planning Board	1.10
Police Department	45.94
Town Clerk	<u>2.20</u>

Total Petty Cash Disbursements	\$197.31
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1996 Payments-Order of Selectmen	\$1,707,488.17
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REPORT OF THE CANINE CONTROL OFFICER

The past year has been very busy in the area of canine control. The town registered 292 dogs this year which is up from last year. I received numerous calls again this year. Our biggest offense in town is dogs running at large. I have been working on that offense by picking up dogs and impounding them at owners expense and will continue to do so. We had the usual complaints: Lost dogs, running, barking and chasing vehicles.

I also received many calls from October thru December about missing cats, which seems to happen every year in this time frame. Cats are coming up missing probably due to the wildlife.

We spent \$698.00 in boarding and euthanasia of animals which were never claimed. I would like everyone who is missing a animal or finds one to contact me or a police officer or check with Dr. Knight. People are not putting much effort into finding their animals as I would like to see. We put it on the radio on three stations and still have not been able to find the owners at times. It is a law that dogs must wear a collar with a rabies tag. I would like to see identification of any kind on our dogs - rabies tag, name tab, license tag, phone number, anything.

My salary this year was \$336.00. The town received \$400.00 revenue from nuisance abatements collected. We also have an outstanding amount of another \$400.00 abatement due from one individual whose dogs were running at large and chasing vehicles. We purchased a dog crate at a cost of \$209.43. We were still over budget this year, but our fines outweigh the overage. I have no control on the amount of animals found and not claimed. Please help us find your pet or someone's pet by calling.

In 1997, I would like to see less dogs running without supervision and more owners looking for their pets when lost.

Eldora Shannon, Canine Control Officer

1996 Dalton Conservation Commission Report

The Commissioners are almost all new to their responsibilities this year. They have been working very hard at learning the role of a Conservation Commissioner at the same time as they have been getting up to speed on the ongoing projects in Dalton.

The Commission has been working with the Selectmen on the design and organization of the new transfer facility, and the close out of the existing transfer station.

Other projects that have required our time have been the Gilman/Dalton bridge, the Simpson Paper dam project, and the project at the RR underpass on Rte 135. This last project has reached the bid award stage and is going to take even more time and careful review as this project continues into the actual construction phase.

The time for thinking and planning for any personal projects that might have an impact on the local wetlands is now. The Commission would like to remind everyone that this permitting process has changed drastically at the State level. We would also like to take this opportunity to remind everyone that if they are thinking about any such project, we are ready to assist you in preparing the proper groundwork. Discussing your plans now, before spending time and money on paperwork and engineering fees, can help avoid any concerns or potential problems before official review by either the local Commission or the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services.

We are your local Commission, we are here to help and serve you as individuals as well as the town in general.

John York, Chairman;
Dalton Conservation Commission

REPORT TO THE CITIZENS OF DISTRICT ONE

It is an honor to report to you as a member of the NH Executive Council. The Executive Council is five in number and serves much like a Board of Directors at the top of your Executive Branch of State Government in Concord. We vote on most contracts over \$2,500 to outside agencies, individuals and municipalities, also major permits to use state waters. 267 unclassified positions as Commissioners and Directors within the Executive Branch of State Government, and the entire Judicial Branch of NH State Government is voted in by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Executive Council. We also vote on gubernatorial nominations of hundreds of citizens to various boards and commissions as prescribed by NH Law.

Anyone desiring further information should write or call our State House Office (listed below).

Citizens in this region should be attentive to several projects;

(1) The statewide Health Care Council's 18 month planning project will be coming to conclusion in December 1997. There are three very active Councils in this District. Information can be obtained by calling Commissioner Terry Morton, Department of Health and Human Services at 1-800-852-3345.

(2) The ten year highway planning process will be underway this coming summer and fall. I will be conducting at least three hearings in this district to ascertain regional needs. Information on this project can be obtained by calling Commissioner Leon Kenison, Department of Transportation at 271-3735.

(3) The NH Joint Tourist Promotional Program will, I expect, be funded at least with \$500,000 to be matched by local Chamber of Commerce and tourists groups to promote your region. Information on this program is available from Commissioner Robb Thomson, Department of Resources and Economic Development at 271-2411.

(4) There is approximately \$172,000 waiting to be

matched by local economic development promotion dollars from local groups. Information can be obtained on this program from Director Norman Storrs, Economic Development at 271-2341.

(5) There is about 10 million dollars waiting for applications from local governments for Community Development Block Grants to improve your local town and area. Information on how to apply can be obtained by calling Director Jeff Taylor, Office of State Planning at 271-2155.

(6) Local towns, cities, counties and eligible organizations should be aware of the large Federal and State Surplus Distribution Programs. The state surplus distribution center is open to the public at White Farm on Clinton Street in Concord, NH on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Further information may be obtained by calling Supervisor Art Hostler, Surplus Distribution at 271-2602.

(7) Citizens and groups concerned with disabilities should be aware of the large number of services available from the Developmental disabilities Council by calling Director Alan Rebusk at 271-3236.

(8) The Department of Environmental Services covering water, sewer, air, lakes and rivers has available information and financial resources by calling Commissioner Robert Varney or Assistant commissioner Dana Disbee at 271-3505.

(9) The Department of Health and Human Services including elderly, mental health, human services, public health, drug and alcohol abuse are all under commissioner Terry Morton at 1-800-852-3345.

Our State Government is small, effective and efficient. It is amazing how many services both technical information and financial assistance is available to eligible applicants and for proposals.

Please call my office at any time. I am at your service!

Raymond S. Burton
State House 271-3632

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

In 1996 the Dalton Volunteer Fire Department responded to 24 calls. this compares to 27 in 1995. Ten of these were mutual aid responses. Eleven calls were considered severe incidents.

Training continued at a high level in 1996. Charles Packard and myself completed the State's career level course. Alan Bean completed the 56 hour First Responders Course for medical personnel.

In August, Dalton's Emergency Management and our Fire Department sponsored the Dupont Company's Hazmat Education Program. Using specially built railway cars, Dupont instructors conducted four days of classes for all interested organizations. These rail cars were then utilized an area wide disaster drill, held on Route 142 near Saunders Mill in Dalton. This drill included railway personnel, all EMS personnel, hospitals, all area fire departments, police, DART rescue, State and local Emergency Management and local Fire Department Auxiliary members. Approximately 200 people were involved. Many lessons were learned by all who took part.

The Dalton Auxiliary provided food and refreshments throughout the week as well as a great dinner following the completion of the drill for all who had participated. We thank them for this huge effort. The fire fighters greatly appreciate their continued support both on and off the fire ground.

In December the pump on our engine began leaking continuously. Gilman Fire Department and Whitefield Fire Department provided coverage while the pump was rebuilt.

Our goals for 1997 include planned training sessions with bordering departments. Completion of a drainage system in the station and an automatic foam system for our engine.

With these efforts we look forward to serving Dalton in 1997.

Allen Blakslee, Fire Chief

REPORT OF TOWN FOREST FIRE WARDEN AND STATE FOREST RANGER

To aid your Forest Fire Warden, Fire Department and State Forest Ranger, contact your local Warden or Fire Department to find out if a permit is required before doing any open burning. Violations of RSA 227-L:17, the fire permit law and the other burning laws of the State of New Hampshire are misdemeanors punishable by fines of up to \$2,000 and/or a year in jail. Violators are also liable for all fire suppression costs.

There are ten Forest Rangers who work for the N.H. Division of Forests and Lands, Forest Protection Bureau. State Forest Rangers are available to assist communities with forest fire suppression, prevention and training programs as well as the enforcement of forest fire and timber harvest laws. If you have any questions regarding forest fire and timber harvest laws. If you have any questions regarding forest fire or timber harvest laws please call our office at 271-2217.

The State of New Hampshire operates 15 fire towers, 2 mobile patrols and 3 contract aircraft patrols. This early detection and reports from citizens aid in the quick response from local fire departments.

1996 FIRE STATISTICS

(Cost Shared)

<u>FIRES REPORTED BY COUNTY</u>		<u>CAUSES OF FIRES REPORTED</u>	
Belknap	06	Smoking	05
Carroll	07	Debris Burning	34
Cheshire	13	Campfire	16
Coos	10	Power Line	04
Grafton	12	Railroad	02
Hillsborough	19	Equipment Use	01
Merrimack	14	Lightning	02
Rockingham	15	Children	22
Strafford	05	OHRV	01
Sullivan	06	Miscellaneous	20
TOTAL FIRES	107		

Richard C. Belmore, Forest Ranger Allen C. Blakslee, Forest Fire Warden

LIBRARIAN REPORT 1996

CIRCULATION:

Adult Materials	1562
Children's Materials	1552
Inter-Library Loan	59
Magazines, Videos, etc.	<u>458</u>
TOTAL CIRCULATION:	3631

Materials borrowed	
from other libraries	274
New Borrowers	19
Regular Hours Open	682
Volunteer hours Open	182
Programs	23
Program attendance	261

ACCESSIONS:

Adult materials	248
Children's materials	256
Video / Audio	6
Periodicals	<u>5</u>
TOTAL ACCESSIONS:	515
Total Materials in Library	8108

In January a READ TO ME program was provided by the New Hampshire State Library for the library. Participants learned new and exciting ways to teach the joy of reading to their children and to encourage family reading times. A winter reading program GET THE SCOOP AT THE LIBRARY was held for children. The children enjoyed weekly storytelling and crafts. As a finale to the program the children had ice cream sundaes.

In April the library held a book sale and a penny sale to raise money for shelving for the library. Area businesses donated several prizes and we thank them for it.

The summer reading program was READING... THE BEST GAME AROUND. Twenty-two children participated in this years program. Weekly storytelling and games were enjoyed by the children. Some

special programs were; John Tholl provided picture ID's for the children with finger prints; Kristen Moody put on a puppet show for the children and storyteller Peter Burns performed at the library, funding was provided by Kids Books and the Arts Grant and the New Hampshire State Library. As an end to the summer reading program a picnic was held on the Church lawn, donations were provided by Subway of Littleton and Top of the Hill Store, and Abbott Rental.

Two poetry readings were held during the summer at the library. Local poets read and the audience shared poems as well. In October the library held a Halloween Party for the children, games, refreshments and stories were provided. In November and December the library held some craft days for children; held a raffle during the Silver Tea; and also the library cosponsored the Memory Tree dedication with the Ladies Aid Society.

With the Capital Reserve Account Funds the library was able to purchase an updated computer system to finish the automation of the library collection. The library also installed a dedicated phone line for accessing the New Hampshire State Library database where 95% of our inter-library loans are located. The FAX machine shares this phone line.

I attended the New Hampshire Library Association (NHLA) Conference in May; the New England Library Association (NELA) Conference in October; and several state and local library related meetings throughout the year.

Many thanks are extended to the parents whom helped with all of this years programs. the support and encouragement of the community has been outstanding. We wish to thank all our patrons for their donated books, magazines, gifts and time to the library.

Respectfully submitted,
DORIS MITTON, Librarian

JEAN ABBOTT
KAY PERRY
NANCY COMEAU
Trustees

HOURS: Mon. and Wed. 1-5 and 6:30 - 8:30; and Sat. 10 - noon.

DALTON PUBLIC LIBRARY
TREASURER'S REPORT - DECEMBER 31, 1996

Beginning balance 1/1/96 \$ 2363.31

INCOME:	Government	10120.00
	Grant - NH Reading & Arts Council	226.88
	Gifts & Donations	30.95
	Fines & Fees	83.65
	Book Sales	385.75
	Penny Sale	152.00
	Memory Tree	93.00
	Interest	63.10
	Other Income	<u>68.00</u>
	Total Income	11223.33

EXPENSES:	Salary	5824.00
	Payroll Taxes	445.53
	Books	1526.45
	Periodicals	206.89
	Programs	551.31
	Telephone	591.02
	Equipment Maintenance	159.95
	Supplies	481.00
	Association Dues	60.00
	Education & Travel	<u>454.50</u>
	Total Expenses	10300.65

Ending balance 12/31/96 3285.99

Capital Reserve Fund:	\$1500.00	1995
	2000.00	1996
	<u>83.98</u>	Int.
	3583.98	
	<u>-3232.77</u>	Computer
	351.21	Balance 12/31/96

Jean Abbott, Treas.
Board of Trustees
Dalton Public Library

NORTH COUNTRY COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT - 1996

This has been a very busy year at the Council. We completed 53 local and regional projects and were directly responsible for the investment of \$7 million in local infrastructure projects by federal or state funding sources. In cooperation with the NH Department of Transportation, the Council was involved in the development and implementation of \$16.5 million of transportation projects on the Ten Year Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). NCC was called upon many times each day to provide local technical advice, be "on call" for our members, respond to questions or provide guidance to land use boards, development corporations, boards of selectmen, chambers of commerce and civic groups. There are over 300 of these local bodies in the region and this last year saw us interacting with most of them at least once and many of them on numerous occasions. In addition, we convened numerous meetings, hearings and informational sessions on regional environmental, regulatory, development, permitting and public policy issues. Similarly, we provided advice, technical assistance and guidance on a weekly basis to businesses, public agencies and non-profit corporations. This last year, we responded to more than 200 requests for data, direction and advice from a very diverse mix of businesses, agencies and organizations. Beyond these requests, we have continued to maintain a regular dialogue with those state agencies that depend on us for a "linkage" to the communities of the North Country.

A new beginning for the Council was the opening of the North Country Council Development Center, located at the historic Rocks Estate in Bethlehem. The Center is the site of NCC's offices, the offices of the NH State Library and the North Country Arts Alliance. This next year will see the addition of another four tenants in spaces that will be ready for occupancy in the summer of 1997. Equally important to its function as a home for all these and other important regional resources, the Center will function as a research/demonstration site, partnership facilitator,

conference center, source of market information and communication vehicle for the North Country of New Hampshire.

During 1996, the Center hosted teams of planners from the Netherlands, Central America, the Caribbean, and Eastern Europe. Through these meetings we have gained a mutual understanding of the planning and development challenges we face as a world community. More specifically, these visits have provided us with an opportunity to learn new approaches to conserve resources and foster appropriate development, as well as make many new friends.

This year has been a watershed year for the Council. We have enhanced our staff capacity; we have undergone significant internal strengthening and we have restructured and reorganized, all in an effort to respond to regional need. Our goal, however, remains the same: to provide support and leadership to the region, its governments, businesses and citizens.

Preston S. Gilbert
Executive Director

REPORT OF THE DALTON PLANNING BOARD

The Planning Board has seen an increase in the amount of subdivisions and other activities this past year. the Board approved of five subdivisions with a total of 105.37 acres. These subdivisions created a total of 12 lots out of the original five.

The Board approved of four lot line adjustments with a total of about four acres. We also approved of four gravel pit applications. these gravel pits were already in existence, but the owners had changed hands and they had to file for new permits. these permits are issued according to RSA 155-E. Most of the gravel pits in Dalton have been grandfathered and only two have been new ones. These two are the Saunders Brothers on Rt. #142, and Douglas Ingerson's off Rt. #116.

A hearing was held last January on changes to the Planning Board Regulations and they were approved at that time. The Planning Board Regulations, Procedures, Floodplain Regulations, and excavation Regulations are now all on computer disks and are available in the Town Office.

The State of New Hampshire and the Federal Government are requiring the Board to make some changes to the Floodplain Regulations to update them. The proposed changes are basically some definitions, which will be posted ahead of time.

The Planning Board is still looking for people who would like to serve as members. Presently, the Board has only four regular members, but should have five. We would like to have some alternates too. The Board meets on the second Tuesday of every month at the Town Hall. Again, I want to thank all my fellow Board members for the cooperation and time this past year.

Leon A. Cloutier, Chairman

DALTON POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

1996 was another busy year for the Police Department. The number of investigations increased from 29 in 1995 (12 Accidents and 17 Criminal Investigations) to 60 investigations in 1996 (17 Accidents and 42 Criminal Investigations), an overall increase of 106%.

A breakdown of 1996 caseload is listed below:

Accidents	18	Alcohol Possession	5 Minors
Assault (Simple)	6	Assault (2nd Degree)	1
Assault (Sexual)	1	Burglary	3
Criminal Mischief	7	Criminal Trespass	1
Cruelty to Animals	1	Controlled Drugs	1
Habitual Offender	1	Harassment	1
Dog Violations	3	Hindering Apprehension	1
Resisting Arrest	1	Theft	5
Taking w/o Authority	1	Others	3

Traffic Activity

DWI	2	Speeding (Court)	5
Speeding (Warnings)	25	Suspended Licenses	3
Defective Equipment	6		

The men and women of the Police Department spent 51 hours on Accident Investigation and 165 hours on Criminal Investigations. There were also 45 hours of Court time. this in Court resulted in 5 Felony Convictions as well as more than 10 other convictions in District Court.

The revenues received by the town from the actions of the Police Department are as follows:

Income from Reports:	\$ 110.00
Income from Court Fines	\$ 475.00
Income from Cruiser Sales	\$1,226.99
Income from Pistol Permits	\$ 20.00

During December the Police Department obtained, at no cost, a Software package that will allow better reporting of incidents and crimes as well as reduce the amount of time it is necessary for an officer to spend writing reports. the software will allow the Town of Dalton, for the first time ever, to submit criminal reports & statistics to the State of New Hampshire. Without this information being forwarded to the state Dalton has been ineligible for any crime prevention or assistance grants from the Federal Government. This software was obtained from the Department of Safety/Division of State Police along with 2 days of training. The cost of the software, had it been purchased by the town would have been \$8,700.00

Also in the month of December the Department was notified that is was to receive, through a grant obtained by the New Hampshire County Attorney's Association, a Polaroid Law Enforcement (Camera) Kit for use in prosecution of Domestic Violence cases. A \$300.00 value.

During November, Sgt Carroll (Butch) Rexford decided that is was time to retire from police work after more than 25 years. We will all miss him. The Police Department will sorely miss his talent and assistance.

John Tholl
Dalton Police Chief



**BIRTHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF DALTON, N.H.
for the Year Ending December 31, 1996**

DATE	NAME OF CHILD	NAME OF FATHER	NAME OF MOTHER	PLACE OF BIRTH
Jan 09	Lukas Quinn	Kyle A. MacBean	Nancy D. Ardolino	Littleton, NH
Apr 30	Hunter Alan	Glenn W. Wright III	Christine R. MacDonald	Littleton, NH
Jun 30	Nestor Eugene II	Nestor E. Roman	Elizabeth J. Sudol	North Conway NH
Jul 17	Michelle Abigail	Michael F. Jackson	Laurie A. Davison	Littleton, NH
Jul 28	Ricardo Javier	Gustavo Duenas-Garcia	Lori M. Rock	Littleton, NH
Aug 13	Quinlin Richard	Gregory J. Odell	Barbara E. Andross	Littleton, NH

**MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF DALTON, N.H.
for the Year Ending December 31, 1996**

DATE	NAME OF GROOM	RESIDENCE	NAME OF BRIDE	RESIDENCE
Apr 20	Francisco Ramirez	Dalton, NH	Debra Lynn Lynaugh	Dalton, NH
Jul 11	Wayne Warren Skillin	Whitefield, NH	Nancy Sue Ingerson	Dalton, NH
Jul 13	Dennis Gilbert Walter II	Dalton, NH	Chrystie Lynn Willey	Whitefield, NH
Jul 14	Paul Edmund Sansoucie Jr	Dalton, NH	Dana Lynn Vaccaro	Dalton, NH
Nov 29	Ronald James Sheltry	Dalton, NH	Carol Louise Plotte	Dalton, NH

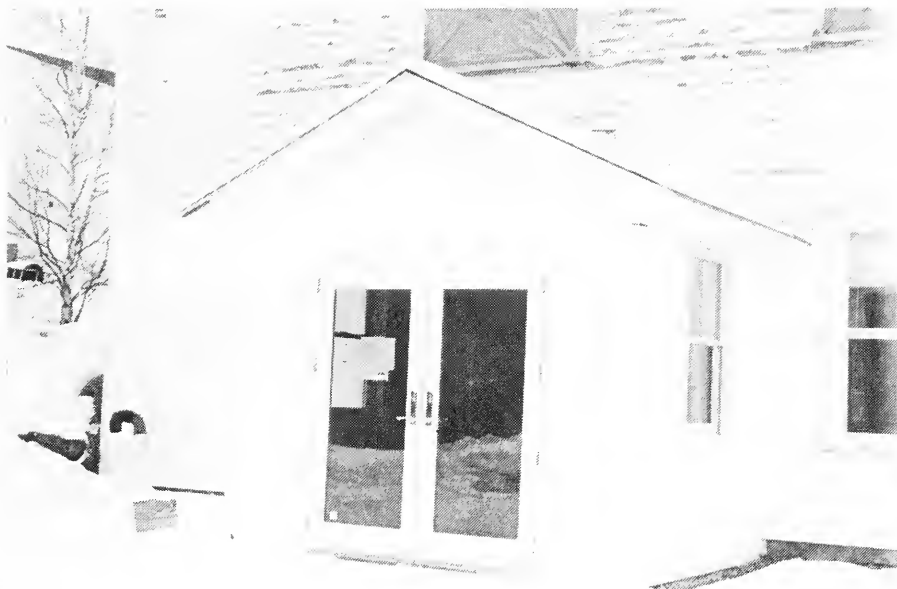
DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF DALTON, N.H.
for the Year Ending December 31, 1996

DATE	NAME OF DECEASED	PLACE OF DEATH	NAME OF FATHER	NAME OF MOTHER
Jan 03	George A. Smith	Lancaster, NH	George S. Smith	Marie Rivers
Jan 09	Hazel T. Lewis	Lancaster, NH	Frank Kinneh	Emily Smith
May 09	Maurice W. Walter	Littleton, NH	Cedrick Walter	Aldora Shores
Jun 09	Richard W. Stevens	Lancaster, NH	Rosco Stevens	Bessie Blakslee
Jul 30	Eunice M. Harvey	Dalton, NH	Warren Thayer, Sr	May Kibbee
Aug 14	Irene Smith	Lancaster, NH	Elwood Marco	Gertrude Marco
Aug 21	Burton E. Blood	Lancaster, NH	William Blood	Agnes Quebec
Sep 09	Joe C. Elgin	Lancaster, NH	James Elgin	Williemae Henderson
Oct 13	Carole R. Lillie	Littleton, NH	Armistice Whittum	Helen C. Blake
Dec 24	Rose Dluzniewski	Lebanon, NH	Leonard Sumthermer	Rose Borden

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